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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification, the International Search Report, the Written Opinion, and the International Preliminary Examination Report on Patentability issued in connection with counterpart International Application No. PCT/JP2004/004704, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage. Copies of the International Search Report (in English and Japanese) and the Written Opinion (in Japanese) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on September 30, 2005, and a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report on Patentability (in English) is enclosed herewith. The Examiner is invited to review

these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

- (1) H. FUKAGAWA et al., The Tissue Culture Engineering, Vol.27, No.2, 2001, pp. 68-71;
- (2) WO 02/23395 A1 and its family member U.S. Application No. 10/363,689, which published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0024772 A1 to ITAI on February 5, 2004; Applicants note that WO 02/023395 is also discussed in the present application with reference to its International Application No. PCT/JP01/07830, beginning at page 2, line 9;
- (3) Y. SHIBAGAKI et al., Proceedings of the Annual Conference of JSAI, July 3, 2000, pp. 543-544, accompanied by an English language translation;
- (4) H. FUKAGAWA et al., Dai 18 Kai Bio Technology Symposium Yokoshu, September 28, 2000, pp. 18-21;
- (5) H. FUKAGAWA et al., Dai 18 Kai Bio Technology Symposium Yokoshu, September 28, 2000, pp.101-104; and
- (6) JP2002-091991 A, published March 29, 2002, accompanied by an English language Abstract.
- (7) WO 03/077159 A1 and its family member U.S. Application No. 10/506,610, which published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0004706 A1 to TOMIOKA et al. on January 5, 2006; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application with reference to its International Application No. PCT/JP03/02847, beginning at page 2, line 10.

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents made of record in U.S. Application Nos. 10/506,610 and 10/363,689:

- (8) WU et al., "The Protein Information Resource: an integrated public resource of functional annotation of proteins," Nucleic Acids Research, Vol. 30, No. 1, pp. 35-37 (2002);
- (9) KANEHISA et al., "The KEGG databases at GenomeNet," Nucleic Acids Research, Vol. 30, No. 1, pp. 42-46 (2002);
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- (11) MELLOR et al., "Predictome: a database of putative functional links between proteins," Nucleic Acids Research, Vol. 30, No. 1, pp. 303-305 (2002);
- (12) EP 1 008 572, published June 14, 2000;
- (13) KANEHISA, "Toward Pathway Engineering: A New Database of Genetic and Molecular Pathways," Science & Technology Japan, No. 59, pp. 34-39 (1996);
- (14) TAKAI-IGARASHI et al., "A Pathway Finding System for the Cell Signaling Networks Database," In Silico Biology, Vol. 1, pp. 129-146 (1999);
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- (16) KANEHISA, "Pathway databases and higher order function," Advances in Protein Chemistry (Received at JICST), No. 51, pp. 381-408 (2000);

- (17) WO 00/48092, published August 17, 2000, and its family members U.S. Patent No. 6,745,204 to HOGUE et al., issued June 1, 2004, and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0072865 to HOGUE et al., published June 13, 2002;
- (18) Taiwanese Patent No. 331612, published May 11, 1998, accompanied by an English translation thereof;
- (19) S. GOTO et al., "Organizing and Computing Metabolic Pathway Data in Terms of Binary Relations", Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing, (2nd), Maui, pp. 175-186 (1996);
- (20) HIRAYAMA, "Bunshi Sekkei no tameno Chishiki Data System no Koujika-hou no Kaihatsu; Lead Kagoubutsu Hakken no tameno Keiken-soku no Riron-ka ni kansuru Kenkyuu," Seitai Seigyo Busshitsu no Bunshi Sekkei to Seimitsu Gousei no tameno Kiban Gijutsu no Kaihatsu ni kansuru Kenkyuu (1st period) Seika Houkokusho, 1993-1995 ed., 1996, pp. 210-221, together with an English language translation of the same;
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- (22) NAKA, "Genome Kinou Kenkyuu Protocol Micro Array, PCR, Bio-informatics no Saishin Gijutsu kara SNP, Model Seibutsu no Kaiseki made; Chapter 3, Hito Genome Bio-informatics; 1. Genome Informatics," Jikken Igaku separate volume, Post Genome Jidai no Jikken Kouza 1, April 10,

2000, pp. 163-167, together with a partial English language translation of the same;

(23) AHO et al., "Data Structures and Algorithms," Data Structures and Algorithms, pp. 198-202 (1983).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R 1.98 and the waiver thereto, copies of U.S. Patents, U.S. published patent applications, and U.S. patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Copies of the above-noted documents, except for document (5) and U.S. Patents, U.S. published patent applications, and U.S. patent applications, are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. A copy of Document (5) is not readily available to the undersigned. However, since this document is cited in the International Search Report, a copy should be in the file at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Should the Examiner need a copy of document (5), the Examiner is respectfully asked to contact the undersigned.

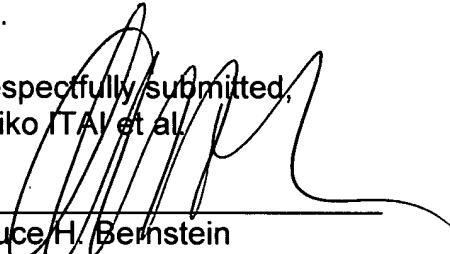
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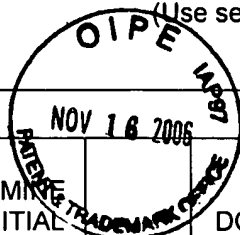
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